

Observation Exercise on Psalm 1:1 (Pastor Scott's Notes)

Observation Exercise: Meditate and examine this verse to create a list of 10 observations and 20 questions.

Psalm 1:1 (NASB) "How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!"

Observations

- 1) The first word is an exclamation: "How"
- 2) "the man" is singular
- 3) "the man" is definite
- 4) "sinners" & "scoffers" are plural
- 5) "the counsel" is definite
- 6) "the wicked" is definite
- 7) "the path" is definite
- 8) "the seat" is definite
- 9) 3 labels are used for evil people:
wicked, sinners, scoffers
- 10) 3 positions mentioned: walk, stand, sit
- 11) The blessed man does not do 3 things
- 12) The expression "counsel of the wicked" suggests evil advice

Questions

- 1) Why does it begin with an exclamation?
- 2) What does "blessed" mean?
- 3) Why is "the man" singular but "sinners" and "scoffers" are plural?
- 4) Why is he called "the man"?
- 5) Is a specific man in view?
- 6) Is "the man" gender specific?
- 7) Why is it "the counsel"?
- 8) What exactly is "the counsel"?
- 9) Is "the wicked" singular or plural?
- 10) Why is it "the wicked" but not "the sinners" and "the scoffers"?
- 11) Why is it "the wicked"?
- 12) Why is it "the path"?
- 13) What exactly is "the path of sinners"?
- 14) Why is "the path" singular but "sinners" is plural?
- 15) Why is it "the seat"?
- 16) What is implied by the scoffers have a seat?
- 17) Why is it "the seat [singular] or the scoffers [plural]"?
- 18) What is the difference between wicked, sinners, and scoffers?
- 19) Is there bad-to-worse progression with wicked, sinners & scoffers?
- 20) Is there bad-to-worse progression with walk, stand, sit?